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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Debashis Bhattacharya et al.
Serial No.: 09/896,059
For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS WITH TARGETED QUALITY OBJECTIVES
USING DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING BLOCKS
Filed: June 29, 2001
Examiner: Annette M. Thompson
Art Unit: 2825
Confirmation No.: 9475
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 162.7107USU

Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated September 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	71	Minus	63	8	x \$18.00	\$144.00
Independent Claims	8	Minus	8	0	x \$86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$290.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$144.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$72.00		

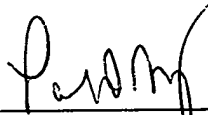
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 72.00 (small entity).

X A check in the amount of \$ 72.00 (small entity) is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

November 4, 2004

Date



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-noted application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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